

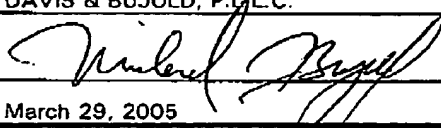

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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the office action mailed March 24, 2005. In that action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-22 and 41-45, drawn to marking indicia and a method for creating indicia, classified in class 235, subclass 462.09;
- II. Claims 23-32 and 46, drawn to a method of reading indicia, an imaging and image capture apparatus, and a reading device, classified in class 235, subclass 462.10 (Note: Claims 26-30 recite a method for creating an indicia, however depend on claim 23, which discloses a method for reading indicia. It is assumed that claims 26-30 should instead recite a method for reading indicia);  
or
- III. Claims 33-40, drawn to a marking apparatus and a method for marking, classified in class 700, subclass 224.

The Applicant elects the invention disclosed in Group I (claims 1-22 and 41-45) and it is requested that, without further action thereon, claims 23-40 and 46 be retained in this application pending disposition of this case and for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

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